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## COUNCIL

### FIFTEEN TAKE OATH IN CANAL

Fifteen Canal councilmen were sworn into office and members of the executive offices chosen at the special session of the fourth community council in Canal, Tuesday, Dec. 26.

As a result of the vote for the executive offices, Ben Fukuzawa, Katsuji Kiriwara, George Farada, and Mitsuzo Daita were all re-elected to serve as chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

The new council accepted the letter of resignation from the councilman-elect of block 26. Katsuji Kiriwara was appointed to see that the vacancy is filled by the block.

The chairman will appoint the executive board and submit the appointments for approval at the meeting this afternoon.

The councilmen unanimously agreed to change the regular meetings to Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

## JACL ADVISES CAUTION IN RETURN TO COAST

Both Issei and Nisei were advised by JACL national headquarters to study carefully their own problems before making any move to return to the Pacific Coast.

As far as Nisei who are still within the draft age are concerned, it was stated that they should not return to their homes without clearing their status with the local draft board. If they are in essential work and return without obtaining releases from their employers, they will not be able to obtain new employment to qualify for deferment. Under such cases, the local boards would have the right to induct them immediately into

### SILENT FILM

#### 'America Kōro' To Be Shown

A silent Japanese film, "America Kōro," starring Minoru Takata, will be shown in both camps as soon as arrangements are completed.

The film consists of ten reels. Two cartoons will also be shown, making the movie about 2½ hours long. Residents are asked to watch the mess hall bulletins for further details.

the armed forces.

Even in the cases where the evacuee is returning to his farm, it would be advisable to contact the local board to ascertain the status he may be able to obtain before making the move. This precaution may avoid considerable hardship in the event the local board is not friendly.

The Issei must remember that the contraband provision which was revoked by the Western Defense Command does not apply as to them. They are still subject to the restrictions of the Department of Justice, which prohibits them from having short wave radios, cameras, and so forth.

Also on the Pacific Coast, because of numerous defense installations and factories, the Issei must be especially careful in complying with the travel regulations. When traveling more than five miles, they must first obtain permit from the United States district attorney. Also in changing their employ-

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## National Citizens League Opens Office In S.F.

With the lifting of the ban for all loyal persons of Japanese ancestry by the Western Defense Command, the National JACL will open its offices in San Francisco, Calif. from Jan. 3, 1945.

Miss Teiko Ishida, the acting national secretary, who had been in charge of the New York City office

will be in charge. She already has her army clearance and is in San Francisco to make the necessary arrangement.

The main job of the San Francisco office is to carry on the educational campaign to bring about a better understanding of the evacuation and the position of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country. The JACL job will be to supplement the work of the Caucasian friends on the Pacific Coast.

Also when the staff is completed, assistance will be given to evacuees in their problems of readjustment upon their return to the San Francisco Bay Region.

## ANNUAL ON SALE 'TIL LATE FEB.

Persons who have not yet ordered their 1945 copies of the "Year's Flight," Butte High School annual, are urged to do so. Orders must be placed before the end of February or prices will be raised.

## New Citizen

Gila's first baby for 1945 is a baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Masao Kawauchi of 4-7-C. She was born at 2:02 a.m. Jan. 1, the only baby born on New Year's Day.